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Passive smoking doesn't cause cancer - study

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LONDON, May 13 (Reuter) - Scientists working for three European tobacco companies say they can find no evidence that breathing second-hand tobacco smoke causes lung cancer.

They said a review of 48 published studies showed that non-smokers exposed to tobacco smoke had no higher risk of lung cancer than those who were not. "Breathing environmental tobacco smoke is not the same as smoking a cigarette," said Jeffrey Idle of the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, who headed the group.

"There is no reason to believe that lung cancer is caused by breathing environmental tobacco smoke."

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